

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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ICHIRO TANAKA ET AL.)	
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
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Filed: Herewith)	
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For: ION CONDUCTOR STRUCTURAL)	
BODY, PROCESS FOR	:	
PRODUCING SAID ION)	
CONDUCTOR STRUCTURAL	:	
BODY, RECHARGEABLE)	
BATTERY PROVIDED WITH	:	
SAID ION CONDUCTOR)	
STRUCTURAL BODY AND	:	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)	
SAID RECHARGEABLE ION	:	
BATTERY)	December 20, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

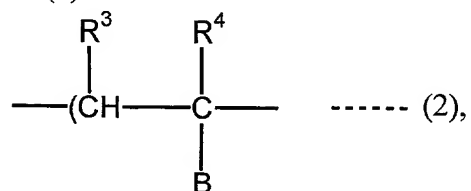
Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11 as follows. A marked-up copy of this claims is attached.

11. (Amended) An ion conductor structural body according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein said polymer matrix (a) contains at least a segment represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein R³ and R⁴ are respectively H or an alkyl group of 2 or less carbon atoms, and B is a group containing at least a polar group selected from the group consisting of polyether group, cyano group, amino group, amido group and carbonate group.

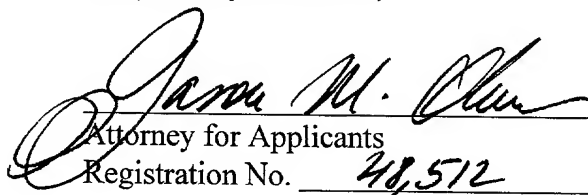
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is to correct the multiple dependency of claim 11 and to place claim 11 in a proper format. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration of the present case and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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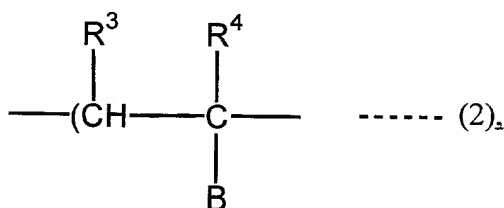
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Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) An ion conductor structural body according to any of claims 1 to 8 [10], wherein said polymer matrix (a) contains at least a segment represented by the following general formula (2): [.]



[(] wherein R³ and R⁴ are respectively H or an alkyl group of 2 or less carbon atoms, and B is a group containing at least a polar group selected from the group consisting of polyether group, cyano group, amino group, amido group and carbonate group.)]